GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002
EXPORT OF GRAPES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to increase the export of grapes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries to which grapes are being exported;

(d) the quantum of grapes in terms of tonnes and value exported from India during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 till date; and

(e) the quantum of grapes targeted to be exported during the year 2002-2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.132 BY SHRI RATIL KALIDAS VARMA AND SHRI Y.G. MAHAJAN FOR ANSWER ON 8.3.2002 REGARDING EXPORT OF GRAPES.

(a) & (b) : The Government`s initiative for export promotion of grapes include inter-alia the following:-

- Development of a comprehensive website by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to provide information on international prices.
- Monitoring of current exports of grapes through National Dairy Development Board, Rotterdam office.
- Analyzing market information on prices of competing countries.
- Preparation of guidelines for monitoring pesticide residue levels and circulating the same to exporters.
- Providing financial assistance under various schemes to grape exporters.
- Integrated training programme for pre and post harvest management from farm level to consumer in major producing states.
- Tracing and tracking of grape production through bar coding to ensure the source or origin of quality grapes.
- Creating Common Infrastructure facility at International airports in Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthanpuram.

(c) & (d) : The major countries to which grapes are being exported are United Kingdom, Netherlands, United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh. Export of grapes in 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under:

(Quantity: M.Tonnes)

Value: Rs Lakhs

2000-01 (April-March)	2001-02 (April-August)

Qty	Value	Qty	Value
20,646	8,293.56	2,773	1,123.91

(Provisional)

(Source: Export Statistics for Agro & Food Products, APEDA)

(e) : Exports being dependent on several factors, no target has been fixed specifically for export of grapes in 2002-2003.